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Applicant: KENJI HORII ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/735,548                      Group Art Unit:

Filed: DECEMBER 14, 2000                      Examiner:

Title: METHOD OF BONDING METAL PLATES, APPARATUS  
THEREFOR AND HOT STRIP MILL

RESPONSE

**Box NON-FEE Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Formalities Letter, Confirmation No. 6564, dated February 12, 2001, regarding the above identified application, attached are pages 44-52 as corrected in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.75(h), merely to commence the claims on a separate sheet. No new matter has been added. This application was filed December 14, 2000, as indicated above with a preliminary amendment.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in

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fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323  
(Docket #381NT/49487).

Respectfully submitted,

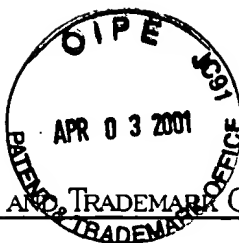
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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